MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It depends upon the circumstances of each case.

Bridge across the Shertallai canal at Kommadi.

117. **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of years that have elapsed since the Shertallai canal was opened to its present length;

(*b*) the number of years that have elapsed since the ferry service at Kommadi was sanctioned;

(*c*) whether the people have submitted several petitions and resolutions to the Government for constructing a bridge at Kommadi; and

(*d*) whether they have made any attempt to relieve the people of the suffering they are undergoing for want of a bridge at Kommadi?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Four years.

(*b*) A ferry service at Kommadi has not been sanctioned.

(*c*) A resolution was received by the Government and an interpellation in December 1930.

(*d*) An estimate has been prepared by the Executive Engineer, Kottayam, which is being examined by the Chief Engineer.

Roads in the Trivandrum town.

118. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the highly damaged condition of some of the roads of the Trivandrum town; and

(*b*) whether there is a list in the Executive Engineer's Office of roads in the town that require special attention in the rainy season?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Some of the gravelled roads in the town get damaged during rains.

(*b*) The Executive Engineer has prepared a list of roads which require metalling.

Purchase of an Air Compressor machine for the Water Works Division.

119. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a machine called "Air Compressor for grouting" has been purchased for the Water Works;

(*b*) whether it is used for grouting and excavating hard rock;

(*c*) the outturn of work done by it in one day;

(*d*) the cost of working the machine for one day including the pay of the staff connected with it;

(*e*) what would be the cost of an equal quantity of work if done by manual labour without machinery;

(*f*) when the machine was purchased;

(*g*) how long it was used;

(*h*) whether it is being used now (28-11-1106); and

(*i*) the members of the staff connected with it and the pay of each of them?

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